

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1015**

---

**Introduced by Assembly Member Charles Calderon**

February 18, 2011

---

An act to add Section 202.1 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to social services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1015, as introduced, Charles Calderon. Child welfare services: county task force.

Existing law provides for child welfare services, which are public social services directed toward, among other purposes, protecting and promoting the welfare of all children, including those in foster care placement.

This bill would require each county to convene a task force by January 1, 2013, to identify and implement operational improvements in the administration of child welfare services. The bill would require the task force to, by January 1, 2014, submit a report to the board identifying and listing proposed operational improvements, would require the county to hold a public hearing within 30 days, and would require an annual report to the board and the public on the status of implementation efforts. By establishing these additional duties, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state,

reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 202.1 is added to the Welfare and  
2 Institutions Code, to read:

3 202.1. (a) By January 1, 2013, each county shall convene a  
4 task force to identify and implement operational improvements in  
5 the administration of child welfare services.

6 (b) The task force members shall not be paid by the county or  
7 the state and shall not be reimbursed by the county or the state for  
8 their services, except that those task force members who are county  
9 employees may serve on the task force as a part of their county  
10 employment and be paid accordingly.

11 (c) The task force shall, at a minimum, consist of a  
12 representative appointed by the bargaining unit representing  
13 children's social workers, a representative of the county director  
14 of welfare, a representative of the board of supervisors of the  
15 county, a representative appointed by the law firm that represents  
16 foster children in the county, and a former foster youth residing  
17 in the county.

18 (d) By January 1, 2014, the task force shall submit to the board  
19 for approval a report, at a minimum, identifying and listing  
20 proposed operational improvements, including, but not limited to,  
21 dates for their full implementation. Within 30 days of receiving  
22 the report, the county shall conduct a public hearing regarding the  
23 report.

24 (e) Either the representative of the director of welfare, the  
25 representative of the board of supervisors, or the law firm  
26 representative shall annually report to the board and the public as  
27 to whether the improvements have been implemented and, if not,  
28 the status of the implementation efforts, and the reasons for the  
29 lack of full implementation.

30 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that  
31 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to  
32 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made

- 1 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
- 2 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

O